UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

ARKANSAS UNITED and L. MIREYA REITH, Plaintiffs-Appellees

V

JOHN THURSTON, in his official capacity as the Secretary of State of Arkansas, and Sharon Brooks, Bilenda Harris-Ritter, William Luther, Charles Roberts, James Sharp, and J. Harmon Smith, in their official capacities as members of the Arkansas State Board of Election Commissioners,

Defendants-Appellants.

On Appeal from the United States District Court For the Western District of Arkansas No. 5:20-cv-5193 (Hon. Timothy L. Brooks)

UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO PETITION FOR REHEARING EN BANC

Defendants-Appellants respectfully request a 14-day extension of time to file their response to Plaintiffs-Appellees' petition for rehearing en banc. Plaintiffs-Appellees do not oppose this request. Defendants' response is currently due on September 15, 2025, and the extension would make it due on September 29, 2025.

A 14-day extension of the deadline is reasonable and necessary due to counsel's other obligations. In addition to counsel's own deadlines and obligations, counsel has needed to assist on other matters as members of the office are on family leave. Moreover, counsel needs to take time off to care for a sick child and an extension would not prejudice Plaintiffs, who do not oppose the requested extension. Therefore, Defendants respectfully requests that the Court grant this unopposed motion for a 14-day extension of the deadline to file a response to the petition for rehearing en banc.

Respectfully submitted,

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